

Global Tropospheric
Experiment Amazon
Boundary Layer
Expedition 2A (ABLE 2A)
Langley ASDC Data Set
Document



Summary

This document provides information on data products obtained during the GTE ABLE 2A atmospheric science expedition conducted over the Amazon during July and August 1985. The objective of the mission was to characterize the chemistry and dynamics of the lower atmosphere over the Amazon Basin during the early-to-middle dry season. Measurements were made primarily by investigators' instruments located on the NASA Wallops Electra airborne laboratory. Also provided are a list of principal investigators, a brief summary of measurement techniques and a list of publications.

This document provides information for the following five data sets:

- gte_able2a_aircraft_msn_02.zip ABLE 2A Electra Aircraft Data
- gte_able2a_ground.zip ABLE 2A Ground Data

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	Gerald Gregory	NASA Langley	N/A
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	R. W. Talbot	Bionetics Corp	NAS-1-16978
	A. L. Torres	NASA Wallops	N/A
	S. C. Wofsy	Harvard U	NAG-1-55
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	P. R. Zimmerman	NCAR	N/A
AGE	R. C. Harriss	NASA Langley	N/A
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1. Collection Overview

a. Collection Contents

Aircraft data sets are available for each investigation for each flight. Ground-based data are usually available on a daily basis. Airborne measurements were typically obtained at constant altitude during transit flights (i.e. "survey" flights), and over multiple altitudes closer flights from the intensive sites. Flight missions were conducted during ABLE 2A from July through August 1985. Section 4.b lists the flight dates. The duration, altitude range, ascent and descent rate, and flight path for each mission varied depending on mission objectives and environmental (weather) conditions. The automated ground sites provided daily measurements during the time frame when airborne measurements were being made and weekly averaged samples before and after. Further information about the measurement region and time frame may be found in the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988.

Data Set Introduction

This data set contains all of the data submitted to the GTE data archive by the ABLE 2A investigators listed in Section 1.d. Included are the atmospheric chemistry, meteorological and navigational data recorded aboard the NASA Wallops Electra airborne laboratory, data obtained from surface level sites, sonde and balloon data and all of the merged data sets. Note that the ASDC data link points the user to the GTE data archive to obtain the data.

Summary of Parameters

The atmospheric species and other parameters measured are listed in Section 4.c and in Harriss et al., [1988]. Also listed for each are the name and affiliation of the principal investigator.

b. Related Data Collections

ABLE 2A investigators have individually reported the results of their investigations in the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988.

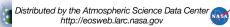
There are data sets available from the Langley ASDC for 13 other GTE missions conducted from 1983 to 2001. See the <u>GTE home page</u> and/or the <u>ASDC GTE Data Table</u> for a description of the available data.

c. Title of Investigation

Global Tropospheric Experiment Amazon Boundary Layer Expedition 2A (ABLE 2A)

d. Investigator Name and Title

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2. APPLICATIONS AND DERIVATION

Potential usage and applications of the described data sets can be seen in the articles that comprise the Journal of Geophysical Research ABLE 2A Special Section (Vol. 93, No. D2 February 20, 1988) and the 1986 Spring AGU Meeting.

a. Calculated Variables

For convenience of the users, the calculated variables below are provided.

Mach Number, M:

$$\mathbf{M} = \sqrt{5 * \left[\left(\frac{Q_c}{P_s} + 1 \right)^{\left(\frac{2}{7} \right)} - 1 \right]}$$

M = Mach Number Ps = Static Pressure Qc = Differential Pressure

Static Air Temperature, Ts:

$$T_s(^{\circ}K) = \frac{T_T}{\left[1 + M^2 * \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{2}\right)\right]}$$

$$\begin{split} &T_S = \text{Static Air Temperature (°K)} \\ &T_T = \text{Total Air Temperature (°K)} \\ &\gamma = 1.4, \text{ ratio of specific heat of air at constant} \\ &\text{pressure and volume} \end{split}$$

True Air Speed, TAS:

$$TAS(kts) = M*a = M*38.96695*\sqrt{T_s}$$

TAS = True Air Speed (knots)
T_S = Static Air Temperature (°K)
M = Mach Number
a = Speed of Sound

Potential Temperature, θ:

$$\theta(^{\circ}K) = T_{s} * \left(\frac{1000}{P_{s}}\right)^{0.2857142}$$

 θ = Potential Temperature (°K) T_S = Static Air Temperature (°K) Ps = Static Pressure (mb)

Vapor Pressure, e:

$$e_{water}$$
 (mb) = [1.0007 + (3.46 * 10⁻⁶ * P_S)] * 6.1121* EXP[17.502 * T/(240.97 + T)]

$$e_{ice}$$
 (mb) = [1.0003 + (4.18 * 10⁻⁶ * P_S)] * 6.1115* EXP[22.452 * T/(272.55 + T)]

e = Partial Pressure of Water Vapor (mb)

P_S = Static Pressure (mb)

T = Static Air Temperature (°C) for Saturation Vapor Pressure

or

T = Dew/Frost Point (°C) for Partial Pressure of Water Vapor

Note:

- 1. ProjDP of zero or greater should be used to derive the partial pressure of water vapor w.r.t water (e_{water}) and the ProjDP less than zero should be used to derive the partial pressure of water vapor w.r.t ice (e_{ice}).
- 2. StatTempDegC and ProjDP parameters recorded in the P-3B data set are substituted to calculate saturation vapor pressure and partial pressure of water vapor, respectively.
- 3. TSDEGC and ProjDP parameters recorded in the DC-8 data set are substituted to calculate saturation vapor pressure and partial pressure of water vapor, respectively. Also notice in the DC-8 data set there is a redundant static air temperature measurement, TSCALC, which is calculated by DADS. Although TSDEGC and TSCALC track closely they can diverge by ? 1° at the low and high ends of the measurement range.

Specific Humidity, q:

$$q(g/kg) = \frac{0.622*10^3*e}{(P_s - 0.377e)}$$
 q(ppn

$$q(ppmw) = \frac{0.622*10^6*e}{(P_s - 0.377e)}$$

Mixing Ratio, r:

$$r(g/kg) \; = \frac{0.622 * 10^3 * e}{\left(P_S - e\right)}$$

$$r(ppmw) \; = \frac{0.622*10^6*e}{\left(P_g - e\right)}$$

Note:

ppmv = 1.608 * ppmw ppmw = 0.622 * ppmv

Relative Humidity, %:

w.r.t. water,

$$RH_{water} = \frac{e_{water}}{e_{S_{water}}} *100$$

w.r.t. ice,

$$RH_{ice} = \frac{e_{ice}}{e_{S_{ice}}} *100$$

b. Graphs and Plots:

Interested readers should see the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988, and documents referenced therein, for plots and the results of analysis of data.

3. DATA DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS

a. Format

See the GTE Data Format Document

b. Data Organization

Granularity

A general description of data granularity as it applies to the IMS appears in the <u>EOSDIS Glossary</u>. Aircraft data sets are available for each investigation for each flight. Surface level data are available on a daily basis.

c. Data Collection Status and Plans

All data available for the ABLE 2A mission are listed in the ABLE 2A Data Archive Table. No additional data products relevant to ABLE 2A are anticipated.

ABLE 2-A Data Archive

ABLE 2-A Data Archive				
PI	Technique	Platform	Species	
M. Andreae	Traps	Electra	DMS, CH3SH	
E. Browell	LIDAR	Electra	Aerosol and Ozone profile	
G. Gregory	Chemiluminescence	Electra	Ozone	
Project		Electra	Altitude, latitude, longitude, ground track, true air speed, static air temp, dew point, static pressure, wind speed, wind direction	
R. Rassmussen	Cryogenic Air Samples	Electra	C5H8, H2,CO, CH4, CO2, F-22, N2O, F-113, F-12, F-11, CH3CCI3, CH3CI, C2H6, C2H2, C2H4, C2H2, C3H8, C3H6, I-C4, N-C4	

R. Talbot R. Talbot A. Torres M. Andreae	Filters Filters Chemiluminescence Ground based samples	Electra Electra	Na, NH4, K, FO, AC, MSA, CI, NO3, SO4, OX Particulate Organic Carbon
A. Torres M. Andreae	Chemiluminescence		Particulate Organic Carbon
M. Andreae		Electra	
	Ground based samples		NO
D. Eiterandel		Ground	Rain Water Chemistry (Formate, acetate, oxalate, MSA, chloride, nitrate, sulfate, sodium, ammonium, potassium)
D. Fitzgerald	Ground based samples	Ground	Mean vertical velocity, mean temp mean humidity, vertical velocity variance, temp variance, humidity variance, covariance wT, covariance wQ
P. Zimmerman	Ground based samples	Ground	Methane, CO, CO2, ethane, ethylene, acetylene, propane, propylene, i-butane, n-butane, 1-butene, i-butene, i-pentane, neopentane, n-pentane, 2-CH3-1-butene, isoprene, 1-pentene, t-2-pentene, c-2-pentene, cyclopenene, cyclopentane, neohexane, 4-CH3-1-pentene, 2,3,-dimethylbutane, 2-methylpentane, t-4-CH3-2-pentene, c-4-CH3-2-pentene, 2-CH3-1-pentene, 2-CH3-1-pentene, 2-CH3-1-pentene, 3-methylpentane, 2-CH3-1-pentene, 1-hexene, n-hexane, t-2-hexene, c-2-hexene, 2-CH3-2-pentene, methylcyclopentane, c-3-CH3-2-pentene, methylcyclopentane, cyclohexane, 2,4-dimethylpentane, 2,3-dimethylpentane, 2-methylhexane, 3-methylhexane, 3-methylhexane, 2-methylhexane, 1-heptene, n heptane, 3-heptene, methylcyclohexane, toluene, 2,4-trimethylpentane, 2,3-dimethylpentane, 2,3-dimethylhexane, 2-methylhexane, 2-methylhexane, 2-methylhexane, 2-methylhexane, 3-methylhexane, 2-methylheptane, 3-methylhexane, 2-methylhexane, 3-methylhexane, 2-methylheptane, 3-methylhexane, 3
M. Garstang	Blis Sonde	Ground	Pressure, altitude, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, WB

			ratio a/d, rate
M. Garstang	Rawinsonde	Ground	Pressure, altitude, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, P temp, dew point, relative humidity, azimuth, elevation, A rate
M. Garstang	Tethered Balloon	Ground	Pressure, altitude, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, WB temp, dew point, relative humidity, ratio a/d, rate
M. Garstang	Tethered Balloon	Ground	Pressure, altitude, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, WB temp, dew point, relative humidity, ratio a/d, rate
M. Garstang	Tethered Balloon	Ground	Pressure, altitude, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, WB temp, dew point, relative humidity, ratio a/d, rate
M. Garstang	Tethered Balloon	Ground	Pressure, altitude, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, WB temp, dew point, relative humidity, ratio a/d, rate

d. Data Access

The ABLE 2A data are available online through the GTE Data Archive or on a CDROM which can be ordered online through the LaRC ASDC.

e. Data Archive Center

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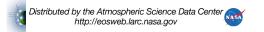
E-mail: support-asdc@earthdata.nasa.gov
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f. How to Cite the Data Collection

Publication of a portion(s) of the data archive should acknowledge the principal investigator(s) responsible for the data by referencing the appropriate manuscript in the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No.D2, February 20, 1988.

4. DATA CHARACTERISTICS:

a. Study Area



Spatial Coverage

Flight missions were conducted during July through August 1988. The duration, altitude range, ascent and descent rate, and flight path of each mission varied depending on mission objective and environmental conditions. The nominal air speed ranged from 290 knots (approximately 334 mph) at 5.66 km altitude to 206 knots (approximately 237 mph) at 0.14 km.

Measurement Platform	Min Lat	Max Lat	Min Lon	Max Lon
Electra Aircraft	7.20S	37.10N	47.48W	76.30W
Ground sites	2.95S	3.15S	59.95W	59.98W
Sondes	2.95S	2.95S	59.95W	59.95W
Tethered Balloons	2.95S	2.95\$	59.95W	59.95W
Merged Data	7.20S	37.10N	47.48W	76.30W

Spatial and Temporal Resolution

Resolution varies for each measurement. See the individual headers associated with each data file for specific information.

Grid Description

No data gridding or binning of data to a geographic grid occurred during data processing.

b. Temporal Coverage

ABLE 2A aircraft missions were conducted from July 11 through August 13, 1988.

Measurement Platform	Begin Date	End Date
Electra Aircraft	7/11/85	8/13/85
Ground Site	7/14/85	8/10/85
Sondes	7/15/85	8/5/85
Tethered Balloon	7/20/85	8/5/85
Merged Data	7/11/85	7/11/85

c. Parameter or Variable

Not all of the parameters are in each data set granule. Also, the ranges vary between data sets and between granules within each data set. Species measured are given in Harriss et al., [1988].

Parameter Description

The variables measured are standard atmospheric chemical and meteorological species requiring no further elaboration here.

Unit of Measurement

The units of measure vary widely depending on species and measurement environment and are addressed in the individual papers for each investigation included in the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988.

Parameter Source

The instruments used in making the measurements are listed in the individual papers for each investigation included in the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988.

Parameter Range

The ranges of data vary widely depending on species and measurement environment and are addressed in the individual papers for each investigation included in the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988.

Sample Data Record

The GTE Data Format Document contains examples of each data set type.

d. Error Sources

The sources of error vary depending on species and measurement environment and are addressed in the papers included in the ABLE 2A special issue of the Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988, and/or papers referenced in that publication and readme files and/or header records associated with each data file.

5. USAGE GUIDANCE

a. Known Problems with the Data

None reported for the current archive version. See the readme files and header records included with each data set for information provided by the responsible investigator.

b. Future Modifications and Plans

The data sets submitted to the ASDC are considered final and no further updates are planned. However, modifications will be considered if requested by the investigators or otherwise justified.

6. ACQUISITION MATERIALS AND METHODS

Details of data acquisition and materials are addressed in the Journal of Geophysical Research ABLE 2A Special Section (Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988) and the 1986 AGU Spring Meeting.

7. REFERENCES

- 1. AGU Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 19-22 May 1986.
- 2. ABLE 2A Special Section, Journal of Geophysical Research, Vol. 93, No. D2, February 20, 1988.
- 3. GTE Bibliography
- 4. Harriss, R. C., S. C. Wofsy, M. Garstang, E. V. Browell, L. C. B. Molion, R. J. McNeal, J. M. Hoell, R. J. Bendura, S. M. Beck, R. L. Navarro, J. T. Riley, and R. L. Snell, The Amazon Boundary Layer Experiment (ABLE 2A): Dry Season 1985, J. Geophys. Res., Vol. 93, No. D2, 1351-1360, 20 February 1988.

8. ACRONYMS

EOSDIS Acronyms | EOSDIS Glossary.

ABLE 2A - Amazon Boundary Layer Expedition - Dry Season

AGE - Amazon Ground Emissions Program

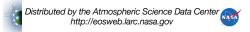
AGU - American Geophysical Union

ASDC - Atmospheric Science Data Center

DADS - Data Acquisition and Display System

EOSDIS - Earth Observing System Distributed Information System

GTE - Global Tropospheric Experiment



IAG - Instituto Astronomico e Geofisico

IMS - Information Management System

INPE - Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais (National Institute for Space Research)

NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NCAR - National Center for Atmospheric Research

ProjDP - Project Dew Point

TSCALC - Static temperature, calculated by DADS

TSDEGC - Static temperature, measured directly, in Celsius

WFF - Wallops Flight Facility

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